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Supervisor Shea's Committee Assignments: Parks and Culture, Vice Chair • Transportation and Transit, Vice Chair • Personnel

**Hello,**

I hope you got a chance to enjoy the fine weather before it turned cold. I have both good and bad news. The good news is that with the help of federal funds from the American Rescue Plan, Milwaukee County has made it through another year.

On Thursday Nov. 10, the Milwaukee County Board passed next year's budget. The property tax rate will go down as Milwaukee County took in more funds than expected over the last year. Also, funding for Milwaukee County Paratransit was restored.

Now for the bad news. The budget is bare bones. There still isn't enough funding to do everything Milwaukee County government needs to do. As usual, the villain in this story is Madison. If you are wondering where your tax money is, Wisconsin state government is sitting on a nearly \$5,000,000,000.00 surplus.

I estimate at least one billion of that came from Milwaukee County taxpayers. Milwaukee County government is an organ of Wisconsin state government. The legislature sent Milwaukee County a zero dollar increase in shared revenue funding. With the current inflation rate, that is effectively a cut in funding even though much of Milwaukee County's budget goes to programs required by federal and/or state law.

Hopefully, the dysfunction in Madison will come to an end. Cities, towns, villages and counties throughout the state are suffering. In Milwaukee County, parks and the transit system are hanging on by their fingertips.

Before I get any more negative, I must thank the many Friends Groups of Milwaukee County Parks. Their work has been absolutely invaluable in keeping our parks up to grade.

Next year may be even tougher financially. I pledge to you that I will continue to protect our Parks, Transit, and Paratransit systems.

Sincerely,

**Steven Shea**  
Milwaukee County Supervisor, 8th District

## Park Clean Up in Sheridan Park



**Above:** Supervisor Shea participating in a park clean up effort organized with Friends of Sheridan Park Group.

**Left:** Supervisor Shea was joined in the park clean-up by his wife Laura Kubor-Shea.

If you would like to get involved with Sheridan Park, visit [www.facebook.com/SheridanParkFriends](https://www.facebook.com/SheridanParkFriends)

## Task Force Guides Spending of American Rescue Plan Act Funds

As a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the U.S. Congress provided Milwaukee County with \$183.6 million in federal funding. Milwaukee County has until the end of 2024 to decide how to spend its ARPA funding.

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in July 2021 to create the ARPA Task Force, which provides recommendations to the County Board on how to allocate these federal funds. The Task Force is also charged with creating a process to broadly engage the public and ensure diverse input from the community.

Notable projects that have been recommended by the ARPA Task Force include:

- \$18M to support affordable housing development and rehab of Milwaukee County foreclosures for first-time homebuyers.
- \$4.2M to support eviction prevention services for Milwaukee County residents. The funds provide a flexible housing subsidy to address residents in need of emergency assistance. Funds also provide tenants facing eviction free legal representation.
- \$6.7M to support Milwaukee County's behavioral health programming. Programming will provide an immediate influx of resources to combat the underlying issues of urgent problems including an increase in gun violence, substance abuse, and other mental health concerns in Milwaukee County.
- \$1.1M to increase the purchase and consumption of locally grown fruits and vegetables by allowing double the dollars of FoodShare for participants at participating Milwaukee County farmers' markets.
- \$32.3M to renovate the Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center and co-locate staff with youth and adult systems of care, adapt to evolving program needs, create a welcoming and accessible environment, and address critical maintenance issues.
- \$3,500,000 of Wisconsin State ARPA funds to support Milwaukee County tourism by investing in the Milwaukee County Zoo.
- \$10,150,000 of Wisconsin State ARPA funds to support Milwaukee County develop affordable housing.
- \$19,700,000 of Wisconsin State ARPA funds to support the sustainability of the Milwaukee County Transit System.
- \$4,500,000 of Wisconsin State ARPA funds to support the completion of the new Mental Health Emergency Center

These projects all meet the U.S. Treasury Department guidance on allowable uses for the ARPA funds, which include:

- **Supporting public health expenditures**, such as COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;
- **Addressing negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency**, including economic harms to

workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector;

- **Replacing lost public sector revenue**, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;
- **Providing premium pay for essential workers**, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and,
- **Investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure**, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

The ARPA funding Milwaukee County received will help the county's recovery, but it is much less than the estimated \$300 to \$400 million Milwaukee County lost in revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is also a one-time infusion of cash and does not effectively address Milwaukee County's long-term structural deficit. The imbalance will compel the County to dedicate a large portion of ARPA funds to recover costs incurred due to the pandemic.

Based on the Treasury Department's guidance and Milwaukee County's strategic plan, the ARPA Task Force unanimously approved a framework for recommending ARPA funding. The framework recommends that the County allocate 63% of ARPA dollars (\$115,728,599) to revenue loss recovery, 20% (\$36,739,238) to community support, 13% (\$23,880,505) to COVID-19 mitigation, and 4% (\$7,347,848) to fund administration.

6th District County Supervisor Shawn Rolland and former United Community Center Executive Director Ricardo Diaz serve as co-chairs of the ARPA Task Force. The Task Force has been meeting publicly since August of 2021.

Information on how to submit ideas to the ARPA Task Force, as well as records of allocated funds can be found at <https://county.milwaukee.gov/arpa.taskforce>.

Records of the ARPA Task Force, including meeting agendas, minutes, and archived videos of proceedings can be found at <https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar>.

Register for my newsletter and join my mailing list for updates on similar events I host at  
**[County.Milwaukee.gov/Shea](https://County.Milwaukee.gov/Shea)**



## County Board Annual Public Hearing



*Supervisor Shea attended the annual public hearing on the 2023 budget held at the Marcus Center on Nov. 1st. Milwaukee County residents spoke on the importance of transportation, both for the para-taxi transit service and the MCTS system. Pictured from left to right: Finance Committee Chair and Supervisor Liz Sumner, Supervisor Steven Shea, and Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson*

## Milwaukee County Resources

### Emergency Food Map

All over Milwaukee, there are spots handing out free meals to the community. The Hunger Task Force created a map tool that allows you to check out what location is closest to you. [www.tinyurl.com/y66ybp43](http://www.tinyurl.com/y66ybp43)

### Renters Assistance

In partnership with Milwaukee County, Community Advocates assists individuals and families who are facing eviction and financially assist in rent, rent arrears, utility assistance, security deposit, and first month's rent. The Rent Assistance Pre-Application can be found and submitted on [communityadvocates.net](http://communityadvocates.net) or requested by emailing [renthelp@communityadvocates.net](mailto:renthelp@communityadvocates.net). An applicant can also request an application by calling the Rent Help Line at **(414) 270-4646**.

### 24-Hour Crisis Hotline

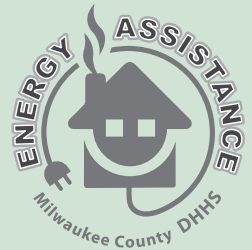
If you are feeling overwhelmed or anxious, the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division offers resources. If you do require the help of professional counselors, reach out to **(414) 257-7222**.

Get up-to-date information on FREE Milwaukee County Attractions at:



[county.milwaukee.gov/freedays](http://county.milwaukee.gov/freedays)

## Energy Assistance Available for Qualifying Milwaukee County Residents



If you are looking for help on your energy bill this winter, Milwaukee County may have you covered. The Energy Assistance Program provides qualified Milwaukee County residents with a one-time, annual payment toward heating and electric bills. The funding pays a portion of energy costs determined by household size, income, and energy costs. The benefit is usually paid directly to the energy supplier.

If you have a utility bill and are within Milwaukee County's income guidelines, you probably qualify. Schedule an appointment by calling **(414) 270-4-MKE** or **2-1-1**. Once you successfully complete the application with an energy specialist your benefit will go directly to your utility account.

If you a completed an application interview and need to return verification documents to expedite your Energy Assistance application: Send documents to [milwaukee.energy@umos.org](mailto:milwaukee.energy@umos.org) if you had an interview with UMOs. Send documents to [eadocuments@communityadvocates.net](mailto:eadocuments@communityadvocates.net) if you had an interview with Community Advocates.

Please be sure to black out your social security number, date of birth, bank account numbers or EIN prior to submitting the documents.

If you are seeking the status of your application, you will receive a benefit status letter in the mail within 7-14 business days after your verification documents have been received. If it has been more than 14 business days, please call **(414) 270-4653**.

If you have a complaint in regard to your experience with the Energy Assistance Program, please call **(414) 289-6656** or email [EnergyAssistance@MilwaukeeCountyWI.gov](mailto:EnergyAssistance@MilwaukeeCountyWI.gov) and a representative will follow up with you within 48 hours. If you completed your application online and have questions call **(800) 506-5596** for assistance.



IMPACT 2-1-1 is a central access point for people in need. During times of personal crisis or community disaster, the free, confidential helpline and online resource directory make it easy for residents to get connected to information and assistance. **Simply dial 2-1-1**. If you want detailed information please go to: [www.impactinc.org/impact-211](http://www.impactinc.org/impact-211).



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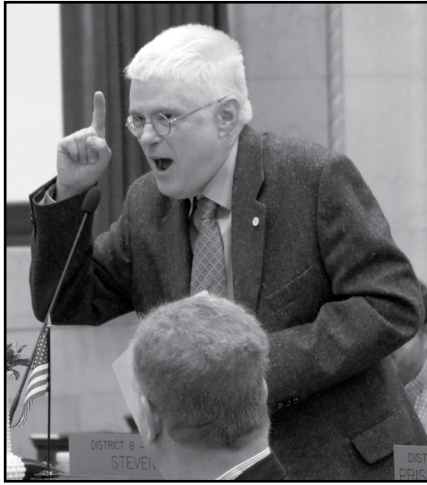
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## 2023 Milwaukee County Budget Adoption



Supervisor Shea was part of budget deliberations on Nov. 10th. The 2023 Budget was passed with a vote of 15-3. Adopted budget amendments avoided cuts to paratransit service and made substantial investments in the county park system. While the Board of Supervisors were able to adopt a budget that avoids major service

cuts and makes needed investments across Milwaukee County, a fiscal cliff is looming. By 2027, there will be no local dollars for local services without an additional revenue source. To learn more about how to ensure Milwaukee County's fiscal future, visit [www.moveforwardmke.com](http://www.moveforwardmke.com).

## CLIC COUNTY LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION CENTER

For legislative files, agendas, minutes and schedules for all Milwaukee County committee and board meetings, please visit the County Legislative Information Center at:

[county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC](http://county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC)

## Service Guide for 8th District Milwaukee County Residents

### 8th District Milwaukee County Supervisor

**Steven Shea** ..... (414) 278-4231

**Aging and Disability Resource Center** ..... (414) 289-6874

### Airports

Mitchell International Airport ..... (414) 747-5300

Timmerman Airport ..... (414) 461-3222

**Child Support Enforcement** ..... (414) 615-2593

**Clerk of Circuit Court** ..... (414) 278-5362

**County Clerk** ..... (414) 278-4067

**County Executive** ..... (414) 278-4211

**County Treasurer** ..... (414) 278-4033

### Courts

Civil Division (small & large claims) ..... (414) 278-5362

Criminal Division ..... (414) 278-4538

Children's Court ..... (414) 257-7700

**Dept. of Health and Human Services** ..... (414) 289-6897

**District Attorney's Office** ..... (414) 278-4646

**Election Commission** ..... (414) 278-4060

### Emergency/Public Safety

Sheriff (non-emergency) ..... (414) 278-4788

TDD Emergency ..... (414) 278-5252

Burn Center Hotline (24 hours) ..... (414) 272-2876

Emergency Management (24 hours) ..... (414) 257-4709

Suicide Prevention/Intervention/

Mental Health Crisis ..... (414) 257-7222

**Fraud Hotline** ..... (414) 93-FRAUD

**House of Correction** ..... (414) 427-4700

### Jury Services

General Information ..... (414) 278-4469

Reserve Juror Message ..... (414) 985-6000

**Marcus Performing Arts Center** ..... (414) 273-7121

**Marriage Licenses/Passports/Fishing Lic** ... (414) 278-4067

**Medical Examiner** ..... (414) 223-1200

**Milwaukee Art Museum** ..... (414) 224-3200

**Milwaukee County Historical Society** ..... (414) 273-8288

### Milwaukee County Parks

Boerner Botanical Gardens ..... (414) 525-5600

General Information ..... (414) 257-7275

Parks Hotline ..... (414) 257-5100

Organized Sports ..... (414) 257-8030

Golf Office ..... (414) 257-8024

### District 8 Parks

Cudahy, 3000 E. Ramsey Ave. .... (414) 762-1550

Grant, 100 E. Hawthorne Ave. .... (414) 762-1550

Greene, 4235 S. Lipton Ave. .... (414) 482-4270

Pulaski (Cudahy), 5400 S. Swift Ave. .... (414) 762-1550

Rawson, 1400 E. Rawson Ave. .... (414) 257-7275

Sheridan, 4800 S. Lake Dr. .... (414) 762-1550

Warnimont, 5400 S. Lake Dr. .... (414) 762-1550

**Milwaukee County Zoo** ..... (414) 771-3040

**Milwaukee County Sports Complex** ..... (414) 281-2694

**Milwaukee Public Museum** ..... (414) 278-2702

### Municipalities

Cudahy ..... (414) 769-2200

South Milwaukee ..... (414) 762-2222

St. Francis ..... (414) 481-2500

**Office of Persons with Disabilities** ..... (414) 278-3932

**Register in Probate** ..... (414) 278-4444

**Register of Deeds** ..... (414) 278-4021

**Rent Assistance** ..... (414) 278-4902

### Transit System

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares ..... (414) 344-6711

Customer Comments ..... (414) 937-3218

Transit Plus ..... (414) 343-1700

**UW-Extension** ..... (414) 256-4600

**Veterans Services** ..... (414) 266-1234

**Victim/Witness Service** ..... (414) 278-4667